

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract at page 27 as follows:

An image printing/reading apparatus in which a reference white board for prescanning can be prevented from being soiled with ink, and the influence of stray light from a paper discharge port can be reduced. A commonality of a print sheet path for conveyance of print sheet and a document path for conveyance of document is at least partially realized as a common path. A reading unit ~~28~~ is provided with a reference white board ~~25~~ for shading correction used upon execution of prescanning. Upon execution ~~or~~ of document reading, the reading unit ~~28~~ and the reference white board ~~25~~ are moved to a document reading position. On the other hand, upon execution of prescanning, the reading unit ~~28~~ and the reference white ~~board 25~~ board are moved to a retreat position where the influence of ambient light is reduced. Further, upon printing, the reading unit ~~28~~ and the reference white board ~~25~~ are also moved to the retreat position for preventing the reference white board ~~25~~ from being soiled with ink.